

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2747**

February 5, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Effective November 2, 2010, eliminates reimbursement for airline tickets for members of the General Assembly to travel to any meeting within the state. Prohibits reimbursement of more than one airline ticket for out of state travel per member per calendar year.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$6,900/FY11-12  
\$30,900/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, due to an increase in airline costs, the Speakers of the House and Senate prohibited in-state air travel during 2009.
- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, the average expenditures for travel inside the state via airline are estimated to be \$12,223 per year between 2005 and 2008 (\$11,049 - 2005, \$13,120 - 2006, \$11,369 - 2007, \$13,354 - 2008). These same trips translated into mileage reimbursement would have an average cost of \$5,302.25 per year (\$4,824 - 2005, \$4,899 - 2006, \$7,790 - 2007, \$3,696 - 2008).
- Total decrease in state expenditures for in-state travel is estimated to be \$6,920.75 (\$12,223 - \$5,302.25).
- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, in FY07-08, five Senators took more than one out-of-state trip. Twelve additional trips were taken at a cost of \$24,000 (12 trips x \$2,000 per trip). The Speaker of the House has, in the past, limited Representatives to one fully reimbursed trip per year. Therefore, there are no additional out-of-state expenditures for travel in the House of Representatives.

- No savings for out-of-state travel for FY10-11 since most Senate and House out-of-state travel occurs between the months of July and December.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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